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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2003, claims 1-2, 5, 10, 12-15, and 18-35 are pending. Claims 1-2, 5, 10, 12-15, and 18-35 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of Schindler (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,288) in view of Perriello, Kawabata, or Keist.

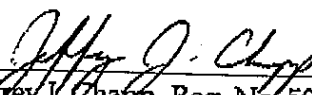
A terminal disclaimer has been filed and is attached herein for disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of the prior U.S. Patent No. 6,517,288 B2.

Thus, the Schindler Patent cited above may no longer be used as a prior art reference against the present application. Therefore, claims 1-2, 5, 10, 12-15, and 18-35 are novel, nonobvious, and are in a condition for allowance.

In light of the remarks, Applicant submits that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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